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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONTACTS: CGT/SOHYO

1. SUMMARY:NOVEMBER VISIT BY SOHYO DELEGATION TO CGT
PARIS RESULTED IN COMMUNIQUE WHICH, INTER ALIA, RAISED ISSUE
OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND QUESTION OF AN "ALLIANCE
BETWEEN THE WORKING CLASS AND OTHERSOCIAL FORCES." SUCH AN
ALLIANCE (NOW BEING ATTEMPTED BY CGT IN FRANCE), PLUS EFFORT TO
ENTER ETUC, IS MEASURE OF CGT DETERMINATION TO ESCAPE ISOLATION
DOMESTICALLY AND ON EUROPEAN LEVEL. END SUMMR Y

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2. RESPONDING TO A CGT INVITATION, A SOHYO DELEGATION

CONSISTING OF SECRETARY GENERAL SHOGO OHKI, CONFEDERAL BUREAU MEMBER CHIAKI DOKI, AND THE CHIEF OF SOHYO'S INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MASA AKI OHIRA, RECENTLY COMPLETED A VISIT TO PARIS.

3. ACCORDING TO CGT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED PARIS 1 DECEMBER 1973, THE TWO DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED WORKING YOUTH, TRADE UNION PROBLEMS IN LARGE ENTERPRISES, INFLATION, AND OTHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. THERE WAS AN "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON THE QUESTION OF AN "ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE WORKING CLASS AND THE SOCIAL FORCES". THE SOHYO DELEGATION DESCRIBED THE ANTI-CAPITALIST STRUGGLE IN JAPAN AS ONE CHARACTERIZED BY A STRENGTHENING OF POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION UNITY IN OPPOSITION TO JAPANESE AND INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLISTS.

4. THE TWO DELEGATIONS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL (UNSPECIFIED) PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST, AND BOTH PARTIES REAFFIRMED THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTING BY THE FRENCH IN THE PACIFIC.

5. THE TWO PARTIES ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO REAFFIRM THEIR DEDICATION TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST "IMPERIALISM," PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE "ANTI-SOCIAL" ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL FIRMS. THEY FURTHER PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO ACT JOINTLY AGAINST THE "CAPITALISTS, THE MONOPOLISTS, AND THEIR IMPERIALIST STATES." (NO REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY.)

6. THE PARTIES EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AND AGREED, IN THE COMING MONTHS, TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER CONTACTS AT THE WORKING LEVEL.

7. COMMENT: EVEN THE CGT-SOHYO MEETING SHOULD BE SEEN AS ANOTHER MEANS USED BY THE CGT TO PROMOTE ITS BASIC GOAL OF EUROPEAN LABOR UNITY. WITH JAPAN INCREASINGLY LINKED TO EUROPE, WHAT COULD BE MORE OPPORTUNE THAN FOR THE CGT TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOHYO?

8. FROM AN IDEOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW, WE ARE INTRIGUED BY THE REFERENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE TO THE "ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE WORKING CLASS AND OTHER FORCES". THIS FITS THE CURRENT CGT TACTICS OF WOOLING MERCHANTS AND OTHER MIDDLE-CLASS ELEMENTS IN WHAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CGT-PCF CALL A "RALLY OF DISCONTENT" IN THE INTEREST OF A PEOPLE'S FRONT AGAINST MONOPOLY CAPITALISM.

9. IS SOHYO INVOLVED IN SIMILAR IDEOLOGICAL SLOGANEERING? PERHAPS TOKYO WOULD CARE TO COMMENT.
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